

**AGENDA**  
**MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY BOARD**  
**Thursday, April 17th, 10am 2025**  
**Meeting held by Teleconference: Google Meets**

**Meeting Start:** Call to Order: Sheila Curry, Chair ~ Call Moderator: Anne Litz

**Introductions:** Roll call of attendees by Anne Litz

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of Minutes from the February 18th, 2025, and March 13th, 2025, meetings

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Horse Outreach Workgroup (HOW) – Adam Lyon** Reintroduction to the group of forage, equine, and land conservation experts that provide information on important topics including manure management, pasture establishment and management, and mud control on horse farms. Please contact them for services and resources that can help you improve the natural resources on your horse farm.

**Produced by PATH Intl. Region 2—Nancy Heller and Marsha Anderson of PATH International.** PATH Intl. Region 2 and MCET welcome you to an educational and fun weekend with your friends and colleagues in Maryland. July 11-13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Hosted by: Therapeutic and Recreational Riding Center (TRRC) Glenwood, Maryland

**Carolyn Mackintosh - The Maryland International Equestrian Foundation (MIEF)** was established to promote, preserve and support equestrian sport from the grass roots level to the upper level FEI (International Federation for Equestrian), and to provide funding for the development of dedicated riders from diverse backgrounds.

**Genevieve H.R. Macfarlane** – TROT – Defending Land-Use Rights for the Horse Community. Equine Legal Symposium

**COMMITTEE UPDATES & DISCUSSION – Executive Director Reports –**

1. **Stable Licensing Update:** FY25 Renewals: Peggy Morgan & Ellen James
  - a. Report of New Stables
  - b. Any Issues with current inspections
  - c. Question or concerns to our inspectors
2. **SENATE BILL 321 – passed and can go into effect FY2026**
  - a. Board to vote on Late Fee \$100
  - b. OneStop, Salesforce & Communications

**Legislation for 2026 – Fees for New Stables modeled off the Vet Board**

  - c. **Between July 1** – December 31 - \$125
  - d. **Between Jan 1** – June 30<sup>th</sup> - \$75
3. **New Hire Process:** Contractor Position
4. **Upcoming Meeting Schedule: May 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>:** Pimlico- Site Visit Backstretch Tour, **June** TBD – in person -Prince George’s Center **July** 7<sup>th</sup>- Virtual, **August** TBD – In-person State Fair,

**September** – No Board meeting, Committee Meetings, **October** Thursday, 16th – Fair Hill – in person, **November** -TBD Virtual. **December** – Grants Committee

5. **MHIB Grants Program**
  - a. Report for 2025
  - b. Planning for FY2026
6. **2024 MD Horse Forum** —
  - a. **Career Program:** Partnership with MTCP to expand to the entire Horse Industry
  - b. **Support of Bender Series** – UMD & Library Bio Security Talk April 22<sup>th</sup>
  - c. MD Horse Health Resource [Webpage](#)
  - d. Spring and Fall Horse Farm Tours
7. **Leadership Group:** Reconvene at Laurel or Pimlico April 9<sup>th</sup> 2025
8. **Maryland Horse Farm Tour**
  - a. **Spring – Racing Connections** – [Program is ready!](#)
  - b. **Fall – Performance Horse Farms**
9. **Maryland in a Day 5.6.25 - Antietam Campaign:** Horse Trails Included – Ruth Toomey – Maryland Tourism Coalition
10. **MD Horse Park System:** Marriner Update – Brand & Logo
  - a. **Prince Georges Equestrian Center**—Sheila Curry
  - b. **FAIR HILL-** Fair Hill International, Maryland 5 Star, Fair Hill Labor Day Racing
  - c. **Maryland Horse Library Education Center** – Book Sale, Bender-Series: Bio-Security, Eliza McGraw Astride: Horses, Women, and a Partnership That Shaped America
  - d. **Pimlico Race Course**—150<sup>th</sup> Preakness; Preakness Festival. MHIB & MDA working with, MRC, MHBA, & MSA
11. **Committee Updates:** Committees revisited for 2025
12. **Upcoming Outreach**
  - a. Maryland in a Day 5.6.25 - Antietam Campaign
  - b. Horse Farm Tour/Preakness Festival May 11th
  - c. Sunrise Tours/Preakness Week of May 13th
  - d. The Prince George’s County Tour 2025 - Including Equestrian History June 14<sup>th</sup>
  - e. Maryland Horse Month Meetings – including Performance Horse Farm Tour Sept. 2025
  - f. Produced by PATH Intl. Region 2 July 11<sup>th</sup>
  - g. SMADC "Basic Veterinary Care for Livestock" workshop will take place on May 8, 2025, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Suttler Post Farm, Mechanicsville, MD.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Introductions from Industry Sector Board Members:**

Standardbred Sector _____	Lisa Watts
Thoroughbred Sector _____	Jenile Tapscott
At Large _____	Genevieve H.R. Macfarlane
MD Horse Council _____	Carolyn Mackintosh
Organized Shows & Events _____	Sheila Curry
Equine Academic Community _____	Dr. Amy Burk
Humane Societies _____	Erin Ochoa

Licensed Stables_____	Adrian Ford III
MD Dept. of Agriculture_____	Cassie Shirk
Licensed Veterinarians_____	Dr. Kathleen Anderson
Trade & Support Industries_____	Connie Sawyer
Trails & Recreational Riding_____	Jennifer Sulin

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ADJOURNMENT**